



## Indian Education Update

August/September 2013

### Superintendent Huppenthal Meets with Arizona Tribal Education Leaders September 10, 2013

As Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction I am committed to improving education services to Arizona's Native American students, and I know you are too. I am the first Superintendent of Public Instruction to travel to Arizona's tribal communities in the last 30 years. I have witnessed firsthand the incredible levels of innovation, dedication, and the needs that persist in our Native American education community. This is why the Arizona Department of Education has made the Native American Education a priority. I personally invite you to come and participate in a very important meeting based on direct dialogue between Arizona's Tribal Education Leaders, Arizona Department of Education staff, and the School Leaders on September 10, 2013 at 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Arizona Department of Education, 1535 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ 85007, in Conference Room 409. At this meeting we will engage in meaningful discussion on a number of topics including some of our efforts to improve our department's services to our K-12 Native American students.

I will share some of the exciting things we have been working on for Native American students. During my administration in the last two years we have made the following changes in the Arizona Department of Education:

- Reorganized and elevated Native American Education and Outreach to a Deputy Associate Level
- Supported, adopted, and implemented the Native American language Teacher Certificate
- Prioritized meeting with tribal leadership in the state's ESEA Waiver in lieu of NCLB
- Established an American Indian Research Council

- Engaged in partnership discussions with our regional comprehensive center West Ed to meet the needs of Arizona Native American students
- Supported government-to-government agreements with tribal entities in the areas of teacher certification and data sharing
- Worked with school leaders to promote preservation of Impact Aid funding during sequestration
- Conducted focus groups within the Native American Education community

I truly value your knowledge and commitment to all Arizona students inside and outside of your community. I extend a heartfelt invitation to you to continue our ground breaking work as partners on behalf of our Native American students. Please join me to discuss our achievements and future endeavors in Native American Education. Please RSVP by contacting, Sarah Accardi at [sarah.accardi@azed.gov](mailto:sarah.accardi@azed.gov) or by calling her at 602.364.1972.

With Respect,



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## Native American Parent Conference

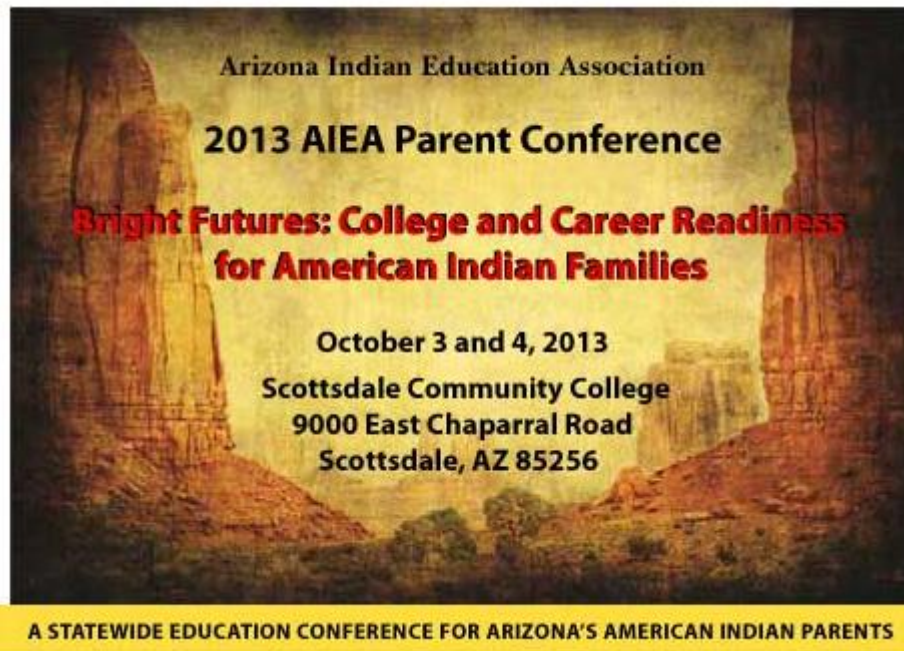


### **The 2013 AIEA Parent Conference will be held: October 3 - 4, 2013**

Location: Scottsdale Community College, 9000 E. Chaparral Road, Scottsdale, Arizona

**Theme is: "Bright Futures: College and Career Readiness  
 for American Indian Families"**

AIEA is hosting the 2013 AIEA Parent Conference in order to engage and inform our American Indian families through focus on the following key strands: Parent Involvement, Education, Culture, Health, Career and Workforce Readiness



To register Visit these links:

[http://www.aieacorp.org/2013\\_AIEA\\_Parent\\_Conf\\_Reg\\_Packet.pdf](http://www.aieacorp.org/2013_AIEA_Parent_Conf_Reg_Packet.pdf) or

<http://www.aieacorp.org>

**U.S. DOE Tribal Consultation September 12, 2013**



We invite Tribal Leaders, education professionals, parents, and colleagues to join us for

**U.S. Department of Education Office of Indian Education and The White House Initiative  
on American Indian and Alaska Native Education**

**Tribal Consultation Session**

And The

**U.S. Department of Education's Annual Back-to-School Bus Tour "Strong  
Start, Bright Future" with  
U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan**

**And  
Libby Doggett, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Early Learning**

**Thursday, September 12, 2013  
Courtyard Scottsdale Salt River  
5201 N Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250  
Time: 9:00 a.m. MST to 3:30 p.m. MST**

These sessions are designed to provide you with an opportunity to voice your thoughts and engage with senior officials from the Department on the following issues will:

The President's Early Education proposal supports Native American families with a birth through age five continuum of learning that starts with home visiting and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships at HHS and then is followed by preschool for all 4-year olds at ED. We are looking to you, in shaping this program so that it is culturally, linguistically, and developmentally appropriate for your children.

The American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services (AIVRS) have published a request for information (RFI) for input on a proposed definition of the Department's interpretation of "reservation" that would align it with the Government Accounting Office (GAO) interpretation.

The Title VII Formula Program gathers information through the Electronic Application System for Indian Education (EASIE) that includes student counts and applications. During the 2012-2013 grant cycles, some initial enhancements were made to the program, and additional work is planned for the 2013-2014 grant year. This will also include a revamp of the ED 506 form for eligibility. We are asking for comments on the draft form of this document.

For registration and more information, please go to: [www.edtribalconsultations.org](http://www.edtribalconsultations.org)



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